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Sir:

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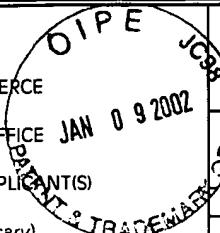
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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	<b>7-256938</b>	<b>10/9/95</b>	<b>Japan</b>			<b>Abstract</b>
	<b>6-113113</b>	<b>4/22/94</b>	<b>Japan</b>			<b>Abstract</b>
	<b>5-091316</b>	<b>4/9/93</b>	<b>Japan</b>			<b>Abstract</b>

## OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)


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